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Main Installation Record of Decision Completed
Environmental Cleanup Decisions Approved for Memphis Depot

Memphis, Tenn. – The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) have signed the Record of Decision (ROD), which determines the preferred remedies for soil and groundwater at the Main Installation (MI) of the former Memphis Depot.

The ROD documents the chosen cleanup remedies to restore environmental conditions at the MI to acceptable, health-protective standards for the intended reuse of the site. The remedies that have been selected satisfy the regulatory requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, and, to the extent applicable, the National Oil and Hazardous Pollution Contingency Plan.

The selected surface soil remedy includes excavation, transport and off-site disposal of an estimated 7,200 square-foot area of soil. The remedy for groundwater is enhanced bioremediation to speed up the natural biodegradation process of affected groundwater. Long-term monitoring of groundwater conditions will also be conducted.

The next and final steps in the CERCLA process for the MI will be the Remedial Design and Remedial Action phases of the cleanup program, which will allow for the safe transfer or lease of MI property for future reuse. A statutory review will be conducted within five years of the start of the Remedial Action, and every five years thereafter, to ensure the remedies outlined in the ROD continue to be protective of human health and the environment.

The ROD for the Main Installation is now available for public reference at the Memphis Depot's four Information Repositories, located at the Memphis Depot, Cherokee Branch Library, Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, and the Hillview Neighborhood Network Center.

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